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SUBJ: MESSAGE FROM PEREZ-GUERRERO ON CIEC SCHEDULE

REF: A CARACAS 3787, STATE 78867

1. FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF MANUEL PEREZ-GUERRERO'S REPLY TO
YOUR LETTER, AS RECEIVED A FEW MINUTES AGO.

QUOTE: MY DEAR FRIEND:

THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR KIND MESSAGE WHICH I RECEIVED
THRU AMBASSADOR SHLAUDEMAN TODAY. I AGREE THAT THE FIRST TWO
SESSIONS OF THE COMMISSIONS HAVE FURTHER DEVELOPED A CONSTRUCTIVE
SPIRIT ON THE PART OF ALL PARTICIPANTS. APART FROM THIS, IT
IS TOO SOON TO TALK ABOUT ANY PROGRESS, BUT I HOPE THAT FROM
NOW ON WE SHOULD BE ABLE TO SEE CLEAR OUR WAY AND COME TO GRIPS
WITH THE ISSUES ASSIGNED TO EACH ONE OF THE FOUR COMMISSIONS.
THIS WOULD CONTRIBUTE TO PREPARE THE GROUND FOR THE UNCTAD IV
IN NAIROBI, IN RESPECT OF SOME OF THESE ISSUES, WHICH SHOULD
IN TURN GENERATE POSITIVE IMPULSES TOWARDS MORE ACTIVE PROGRESS
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IN THE CIEC.

AS FAR AS THE MID-YEAR SENIOR-OFFICIALS CONFERENCE IS CONCERNED, I AGREE WITH YOU THAT THIS WILL CONSTITUTE A VERY STOCK-TAKING EXERCISE, WHICH SHOULD HAVE AN INVIGORATING EFFECT - IF ALL GOES WELL- ON THE FURTHER PROCEEDINGS IN THE CIEC.

THIS IS OF COURSE NOT ONLY MY OWN PERSONAL OPINION, BUT THE OPINION OF THE GROUP OF 19. WE REFERRED TO THIS MATTER ALREADY IN RECENT MEETINGS AND, IN FACT, AFTER MY TALK LAST MONTH WITH MR. MACEACHEN IN OTTAWA AND HIS DEPUTY MR. DUPUIS IN PARIS, I MENTIONED THE POSSIBILITY OF HAVING TO CONSIDER A SLIGHT SHIFT OF THE DATES OF THE MID-YEAR CONFERENCE. IN THIS MANNER I WAS ALREADY ENGAGING IN THE CONSULTATIONS THAT THE TWO CO-CHAIRMEN HAD UNDERTOOK TO CONDUCT IN THIS RESPECT. HOWEVER, SOME OF US WERE THINKING OF A REARRANGEMENT OF THE MEETINGS, INCLUDING THAT OF THE CO-CHAIRMEN WHICH WE AGREE OUGHT TO PRECEED THE MID-YEAR CONFERENCE, ALONG THE FOLLOWING LINES: 24 AND 25 JUNE FOR THE MEETING OF THE CO-CHAIRMEN, AND 29 AND 30 JUNE AND 1ST JULY FOR THE CONFERENCE. WE UNDERSTAND THE NEED TO PREPARE WELL FOR THE MID-YEAR CONFERENCE, BUT WE THINK IT IS IMPORTANT ALSO TO CHANGE AS LITTLE AS POSSIBLE THE PROGRAM WHICH WE HAD OUTLINED.

WHAT SEEMS UNAVOIDABLE IS TO HAVE THE MONTH OF AUGUST CLEAR OF ANY OFFICAL MEETINGS, IN VIEW OF THE VACATION PERIOD IN THE NORTHERN HEMISPHERE, PARTICULARLY EUROPE.

I DOUBT THAT IT WOULD BE ADVISABLE TO DECIDE THAT THERE SHOULD BE ONLY THREE SESSIONS OF THE COMMISSIONS IN THE SECOND HALF OF THE YEAR. WHAT IS IMPORTANT IS THAT WE SHOULD GIVE THE COMMISSIONS THE FULL CHANCE TO FINISH THEIR WORK - HOPEFULLY - WELL IN TIME FOR THE MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE SCHEDULED FOR DECEMBER.

I REALIZE THAT YOUR THOUGHTS ARE ONLY PRELIMINARY, AND DESIGNED TO OBTAIN REACTIONS FROM PEOPLE LIKE MYSELF. MY OWN THOUGHTS HAVE ALSO THE SAME CHARACTER, SINCE I WILL HAVE TO CONSULT THE GROUP OF 19 ON THIS IMPORTANT MATTER WHICH I WILL DO ON THE OCCASIONS OF THE FORTHCOMING SESSIONS OF THE COMMISSIONS. I HOPE THAT AT THAT TIME WE WILL BE ABLE TO SET DEFINITELY THE DATES FOR THE MID-YEAR CONFERENCE, WITH THE CONCURRENCE OF ALL PARTICIPANTS.

I ALSO LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU SOON. WITH MY BEST WISHES. SINCERELY, MANUEL PEREZ-GUERRERO. UNQUOTE
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2. PEREZ-GUERRERO ALSO ASKED ME TO PASS ON TO YOU HIS WARMEST CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR NOMINATION TO BE DEPUTY SECRETARY, TO WHICH I ADD MY OWN.
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